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DEVICE, AND PROCESSING SYSTEM AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action issued March 10, 2005, the period for response being set to expire on June 10, 2005, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.


alone. New claim 18 recites that the wire connects to the p-region, and therefore claim 18 is allowable over the cited references.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims 1, 2, and 13-18 are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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